IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

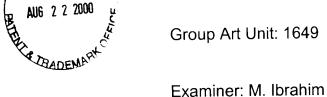
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Serial No.: 09/147,721

Filed: February 24, 1999

For: METHOD FOR PHYTOMINING OF NICKEL, COBALT AND OTHER METALS

FROM SOIL



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.121

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 22, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2000, a Petition for Extension of Time for three months from May 22, 2000 to August 22, 2000 attached hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 22, delete "int eh" and substitute therefor --in the--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, before "growing" insert --(a)--; line 6, delete "Allowing" and substitute therefor --(b) allowing--;